

#### WHA" & HE GOT. Is Was Nothing Take What He Had Called

The druggist's clerk was fast as gep in a little room back of the stor, and he objected seriously to being waked up. He said that he had whe for all the sleep he could get, and he frequent-ly pretended that he did not hear the night bell. night bell.

But the young. man outside on this particular occasion was determined. It was apparent that he stood in great need of som thing. He rang the bell two or the e times in quick succession and wo".ted. The clerk heard the bell, but derely turned over on his pillow ap'd waited.

The young man gave several more vicious pulls at the bell handle, and the elerk yawned and wondered how long he would keep it up.

Then the young man took out his watch, held it where the light from a street-lamp fell on it, and went to work systematically. For four or five minutes the bell over the clerk's head struck once every thirty seconds. The clerk's hair began to stand on end as he hastily rolled off his cot. The regularity with which the bell rang made it seem almost supernatural. It took him three minutes to get some clothes on and get to the door, and during that time the bell rang exactly six times. It was actually a relief to find some one at the door when he opened it; it showed that the bell had been rung by human ageney.

The young man sauntered in, nodded with half-drunken gravity and condescension to the clerk, and said: "Aw, give me some cigarettes." The clerk-well, what would you have done under the circumstances? Exactly. That's just what the clerk

did, and the young man limped sorrowfully home.-N. Y. Telegram.

#### NOT A KIDNAPER.

He Was Merely Waiting for His Wife to Come Along. They all had noticed the man just ahead of them wheeling a baby carriage, and finally one of them spoke up.

"By jove! I believe that's a case of kidnaping!" he said.

"It does look suspicious," said the sharp little fellow next to him. "Nonsense," said the elderly man on

the right of the other two. "But see how hard he tries to look unconcerned," protested the first.

And see how furtively and anxiously he looks back to see if he is followed," added the second.

#### SYSTEM IN HOUSEWORK.

What May Be Accomplished by "Timing One's Turns."

It is strange to note how few people are guided by their judgment in matters of everyday life. The prejudices, the impulse of the moment, and often mere superstition govern the action in things of vital moment. This is not only true of persons without education, but of persons who are well informed on general matters and versed in the affairs of life. There is a good old proverb which says: "Count ten before you speak." While it is absurd on the face of it, it is full of suggestion for people who act upon impulse, rather than from their sober judgment. It were well, indeed, if people stopped deliberately before they rushed headlong into action. This applies not alone to Matters of moment, but to the everyday affairs of life. There is a certain class of housekeepers who and go rapidly from one thing to another, without system or apparent thought. They take ten steps where one only is strictly necessary. It is ten chances to one if, in the progress of their erratic work, they do not create as much work again for themselves by untoward accidents; and in this way and that, as there was originally intended to do. Such people are not indolent; they are often over-energetic. They are the always-busy women, who never have time for anything outside their housework, and often break down from nervous exhaustion long before their time. There is another class of housekeepers who are not such early risers, who are not so heavily cumbered with many things as the all-busy one, whose houses seem always in order, whose larders are full, whose tables are always bountifully supplied, and yet seem to do their work by magic. The gruff Duncan Knock, in complimenting Jeanie Deans, said the fairies must help her, for he never saw her working, and yet the house was always in order, and the Scotch lassie answered him modestly that much might be done by "timing ain's turns." This art of "timing ain's turns" is the difference between the overworked housekeeper and her more systematic sister. Every stroke in kitchen work should be done with care and directness toward a result. The worker must plan her work, for without a plan she is as much at the mercy of accident as a rudderless vessel at sea. It is sufficient to say that the woman who begins her kitchen work by creating a great dust and flutter in the process of making her fire has not seriously advanced in her day's duties. She has begun by making one following him," suggested the sharp additional work instead. This piece of work, by proper thought about the drafts and proper management of the stove doors that prevent the dust and ashes from flying about the room, can easily be done with no dust, except what can be wiped up in an instant. A little care in preparing the breakfast will enable a systematic worker to keep what it was to be haunted by the fear her stove neat and clean, without the necessity of continually polishing it to give the baby a little fresh air while she keep it bright. The same may be said of every branch of housework. The systematic housewife never takes ten steps when one is necessary. She raises Family Sewing Machines, V. S. No. 2, no dust and flutter in her work. She is Chain Stitch Machine, Sewing Machine not the victim of such inexplicable accidents as try the nerves of her less for tunate and harder-working sister. But she keeps her house in order .- N. Y Tribune.

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#### PENSION FRAUDS.

A Republican System of Robbing the People.

More than twenty years ago Gen. representatives, said: "The pension list is swollen beyond all account here for counterfeiting nickels!"-Chi-More frauds are being perpetrated on cago Tribune. the government by claim agents than from any other source." And, as chairman of the committee on appropriations, he further said: "We may reasonably expect that the expenditures for pensions will steadily decrease, unless legislation should be unwarrantably extravagant."

Do not the vast expenditures for pensions show that they have been "unwarrantably extravagant?" An exchange truly says: "Pension agents have fattened at the public crib. Cowardly politicians have truckled to the soldier vote. Thousands of names have been put upon the rolls that do not belong there. The self-respect and self-reliance of thousands of union veterans have been undermined by those who have held forth the temptation of receiving support from the national treasury," when, but for the inducements urged by pension agents, they would never have thought of present ing claims for that which they did not need.

A writer in the Century pleads for "the reinstatement of the old-fashioned virtue of manly independence," the abhope that congress will be compelled by popular indignation to order such Young People. thorough investigation as will open the way for a radical reform of the pension office and the pension system. - Detroit Free Press.

#### The Nervous.

Golightly-Girls make me weary. Quidnung-Why, what's the matter? Golightly-They're so nervous and ex-

ton Courier.

"Of course he's not hurrying," put in the first, "because that would attract attention.

"But he's ready to run if he sees anylittle fellow. "We'd better make him give an account of himself." "Now, hold on," interrupted the eld-

erly man. "Did either of you ever have your wife tell you to start ahead with "Why, no; we're not married."

"Exactly. Then you never knew that she had finally decided to let you staid at home and read a novel. Boys, let the man alone. He has mental worry enough now, without being taken for a kidnaper."-Chicago Tribuna

#### An Outrage.

"Well, what is your grievance?" said the warden of the penitentiary to the mutinous convict who had been brought before him.

"I have been unjustly humiliated, sir," replied No. 621, his cheek flushing hotly at the recollection. "I'm doing time for embezzling a million dollars, Garfield, in his place in the house of and you've put me in the same cell with a cheap, low-down scrub that's

#### Getting It Down Fine.

Friend-Why don't you marry? Goodfello-Can't. "You have a fine house?" "Yes."

"And a good income?" "Yes."

"Then what's the matter?"

"My housekeeper and her servants have formed a union, and if I marry outside of their union they'll strike."-N. Y. Weekly.

#### Letting His Light Shine.

"And now, my friends," shouted the frontier evangelist, "remember that he is no man at all who never has done anything to bring the sunshine into the hearts of his fellowmen."

"I guess that don't hit me," commented Alkali Bill. "I've let daylight into more fellers'n I can recollect."-Indianapolis Journal.

#### Mixed.

A Wisconsin school-teacher had among her pupils a little boy named Jakey who was always late in the morning. But one day he managed to get to the sence of which has made so many able schoolhouse before the bell rang, bodied paupers in public, professional whereupon he said to the teacher: and private life, and expresses the "Vell, to-day I am pefore at last. I always vas pehind pefore."-Harper's

#### Time to Stop Fooling.

Dr. Gruff (to fashionable patient)--It's merely the same old ailment, my dear madam. Mrs. Style-Oh, no, doctor; I really am ill now!

Dr. Gruff-H'm! If that really is so

#### ABSENT-MINDED.

A Preoccupied Girl Amuses the Passen gers on a Street Car.

A young woman carrying a silk um orella in her hand, and a look of absent-mindedness in her eyes, boarded a Woodward avenue car up town, and seated herself quietly in a corner near the door, She was stylishly dressed and, except for the inverted concentration of her faculties, looked like any other every-day girl.

When the conductor came round she tendered him a five-cent fare.

"What am I to do with it?" asked the conductor as he fingered it nervously.

"What is that to me?" she asked INSURANCE haughtily as she closed her pocketbook.

"Well, miss, peppermint lozengers ain't legal tender on this car," said the conductor as he handed it back.

"Oh, goodness gracious, what a mistake! I meant to give you a nickelthere, that's right, isn't it?" as she laid one in the outstretched palm.

"Right you are, miss," and the conductor rang his belt and the other people in the car drew in their toes and gave a sigh of relief to see the matter adjusted.

But that wasn't all. The girl stopped the car at a down-town crossing, and stepped off dreamily.

The other passengers looked after her with some interest, when she was seen to turn suddenly and wildly wave her umbrella after the retreating car. The conductor grabbed the bell rope and stopped as she ran up panting:

"I-I forgot my umbrella and left it in the car!" When she was told that she had it in

her hand she made a dive for the sidewalk, and the passengers on the cat OFFICE: smiled aloud -Detroit Free Press.



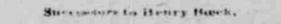
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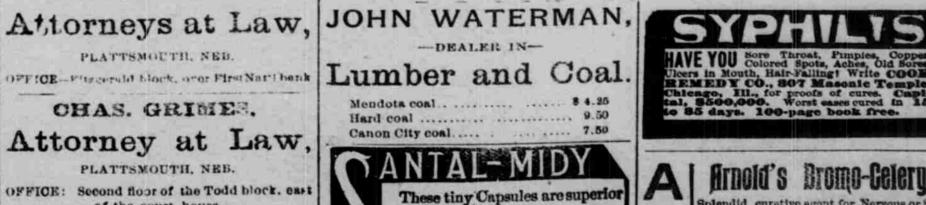
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